

## HWHS SAC Minutes for Jan 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Present: Tim Simony, Angela McCarthy, Sandra Starratt, Lori Welsh, Scott Guthrie, Trish Belliveau, John Keith, Shaun Sheehan, Sherry Robinson

Absent: John Nisbet, Ken Smith, Dolly Hayden, Victoria Best, Seakho Lim, Lamia Chowdhury

1. Welcome
2. Tim Simony chaired the meeting.
3. Tim asked for motion of approval of agenda. Trish motioned, Scott second, all approved
4. Approval of minutes after noted corrections were changed. Angela asked if it would be easier to have the minutes earlier, all agreed it would be. Angela will try to have future minutes out a week prior to the meetings
5. Business arising from minutes:

- Lori asked Sherry if she has the list of reps. She does and will give it to Scott.

-John K asked if we could have the Canadian School's Leadership Conference on all future agendas

### 6. PRINCIPALS REPORT:

- Exams are next week
- Guidance are visiting the Jr High Schools
- HWHS has approx 450 students coming next year
- At the Grade 9 parent meeting the auditorium was all most filled. 80/85% of parents and first time parents for the West
- Based on current enrolment and upcoming gr 10's student population for nest yr will be 1489-1500 approx. Scott asked what the mass capacity is for the school, 1450 was the design capacity.
- Some renovations have happened. They have made a couple of offices for HRSB specialist
- Things have been going well since the break
- Tim stated that Sandra would like to have some time with the staff on the Feb PD day, she would also like to attend our Feb meeting to give us an update on the Student Leadership Conference and will have a more direct ask for what help is needed
- Funding for this type of event is more difficult to obtain in a city then it would be in a rural setting.
- Shawn spoke on exam exemption process based on attendance; student must have 6 classes or less in every course to qualify. They are only allowed to be exempt from one exam, they have to be passing and it cannot be math or English. Another test of the students is seeing how many of them are taking the exam anyways and choosing whether or not to use the exam mark to raise their mark. Over 50 % are choosing to write the exam.

- Harassment Policy – Tim explained what HRSB is looking for and that it is a policy for HRSB employees. We are to look it over and send any comments and such to Tim by Feb 20<sup>th</sup>
- We will defer discussion on report cards to Feb's meeting
- Lori asked about the front of the building and what the status is on it. The material at the top and the mortar was coming off. It was observed early enough and before it became an issue. It has been wrapped for safety. The top layer was removed and the info was taken to architectures. The original installation was not done correctly so it did not last and it has to be taken down, not a complete removal but a partial removal. Due to the cold temps and weather work is delayed until approx April.
- Tim explained the role of the Bella Rose Center in regards to it as well. Tim would like to have Gary from Bella Rose come and speak about the finances and who they are as well as the partnership. Trish asked if the school has to pay to use the Bella Rose Center, Lori explained no but we do have to schedule around them. John K asked who held the debt, it is held by the Bella Rose Society. Originally the school agreed to build the shell of the theatre but the community had to establish a committee to furnish it, examples paint, chairs, etc. With it being in the school Tim is on the committee. Funding came through government; private and corporate, the debt loan was approx 150, 000 and is being worked down. Community groups can rent the theatre out at a very reasonable rate. Lori asked where the revenue will go after the debt is paid off. Tim explained it goes back to the society to maintain itself with equipment, upgrades and etc.
- School is in process of replacing the heat pumps

## 7. SAC Scholarship;

Trish has gave this a lot of thought and isn't sure if we would want to get into this as there is alot of accountability for it. There are so many ways and ideas how do we pick a fair criteria, do we also want to look at tapping into funds and resources right now that are needed for the leadership Conference. Concern over the work that would be involved with this. Trish feels we need to really look at this in more depth. Lori explained how the school does have internal awards that the principal gives out. Angela explained about a discrepancy fund and how it could be a possibility instead of a scholarship. John K wasn't sure if this issue was in the capacity of the role of the SAC.

This item will be moved to Feb.'s meeting

8. AOB Item 9.1 – Scott brought up the topic of the wetland/park area. He is hoping to have some answers on who owns it this week. Believes it may be owned by one of the developers and possibly Parkland. There are some funding with community beautification available and we may be able to work with these funds and a developer to work on the beautification. Scott will be looking at the maps of boundary lines, regulations, by-laws, zoning and etc and suggests if we can come up with a 5 yr plan. Trish suggested that every year the graduating class could contribute to it.

9.2- Student Reps for gr 10. Interest was given by Rob Jollimore, Kai Trappenburg, a gr 11 student, John Kanellkos, has also expressed an interest. Lori is going to look at possibly having a student from Clayton Park West.

9.3 Some discussion around the cost of school sports and if it gives an exclusionary feeling to some students and families in the community, it was asked if there is ever any feedback from the community. They are looking at funding options to help offset the cost.

Due to an in-service on Feb 17<sup>th</sup> the next meeting will be on Feb 24<sup>th</sup>

Respectfully submitted by:

Angela McCarthy